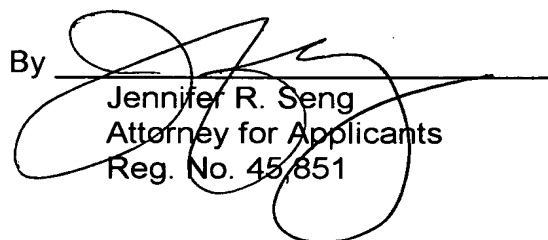


REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request the Preliminary Amendment be entered as the amendment places the claims as well as the Specification in proper form.

Applicants have cancelled Claims 9-16. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted,

By 
Jennifer R. Seng
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 45,851

Bayer Polymers LLC
100 Bayer Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15205-9741
(412) 777-3879
FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:
(412) 777-3902

/jme/JRS/JS0202